GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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USE OF VOTERS IDENTITY CARD
BIKASH CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether voters identity cards issued by the Election Commission of India wherein it is clearly written `This card may be used as an identity card under different Government Schemes` can be used in an application for a ration card;

(b) if so, whether any instructions have been given to various Departments in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c) According to the Election Commission of India, it has issued instructions to inscribe on the Voter Identity Card - `This card may be used as an identity card under different Government Schemes` - to enable use of the identity card under different Government schemes. The Election Commission has been pursuing the State Governments to issue necessary orders/instructions to various Departments under them to accept the voters` identity cards as means of identification in connection with various schemes and programmes executed by them. So far, the Government of Haryana has issued necessary instructions to all its Departments in this regard.